

Appl. No.: 10/669,450  
Amdt. dated 05/01/2006  
Reply to Office action of 11/01/2005

### REMARKS

Applicant's attorney never received the November 1, 2005 Office Action in the mail. Due to the Examiner kindly making a telephone inquiry, Applicant's attorney first learned of the Office Action only today, May 1, 2006, on the last day of the statutory deadline for a response.

After a short investigation, Applicant's attorney telephoned the Examiner and pointed out that a change of address request was received by the Patent Office on March 3, 2005 prior to mailing of the November 1, 2005 Office Action. However, the Office Action was still mailed to the old address and therefore never received by the Applicant's attorney. The Examiner kindly agreed to reinstate the deadline for the Office Action by withdrawing the current Office Action, reissuing a new Office Action and thereby affording the Applicant time to prepare a response.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2764.

Respectfully submitted,



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